GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:648
ANSWERED ON:11.05.2005
PROMOTION OF INDIAN SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to develop and propagate the Indian Systems of Medicine such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha etc. as an alternative system of medicine;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the number of dispensaries and hospitals proposed to be set up in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha during the Tenth Five Year Plan in each State;

(d) the number of research projects commissioned and the number of drugs patented by Central Research Institutes in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha during the last three years; and

(e) the total amount sanctioned and spent under various schemes for development and promotion of Indian Systems of Medicine during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUSTION NO. 648 FOR 11TH MAY, 2005

(a) & (b) Government have introduced a number of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes to develop and propagate the Indian Systems of Medicine which comprise Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani systems. Financial assistance is given under these schemes for development of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani educational institutions, hospitals & dispensaries, drugs quality control, strengthening of drug testing laboratories & pharmacies, cultivation of medicinal plants, awareness generation, modernization of drug manufacturing units, information, education and communication etc.

(c) Primary health being a state subject under the Constitution, it is for Governments of respective States to provide for establishment of dispensaries and hospitals of the Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani systems. However, the Tenth Five Year Plan provides for establishment of 7 Ayurveda, 2 Siddha and 3 Unani dispensaries under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS).

(d) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha (CCRAS) has taken up 30 Research projects and the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) has taken up 18 during the last three years. The number of drugs patented by the CCRAS during the last three years is five. The CCRUM has not received patents on drugs during the period under reference.

(e) Under various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for development and promotion of Indian Systems of Medicine during the last three years, the total amount sanctioned for expenditure is as under:-

Year	Amount (in lakhs)
2002-03	8,977.93
2003-04	13,395.50
2004-05	19,876.12